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1. The Syrian Communist Party has:

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- Frozen membership at its present status, pigeonholing new membership applications.
- b. Discontinued recruiting, propaganda, and proselytizing efforts.
- Tightened up membership generally, in preparation for a vigorous drive in the immediate future, the nature of which informants would not specify.
- 25X1X 2. the above and states that "something is brewing" among Communists, as evidenced by the fact that Communist leaders are continually in lengthy nectings and are absenting themselves from their normal occupations.
  - 3. The number of acts of violence committed by Communists and Soviet agents against persons believed to be spying upon them has noticeably increased during the past month.

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